


# DECEMBER 2015



## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR- Elementary School

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		Did you know that the biggest factor in the lack of time for homework is TV? Make sure homework comes first.	Monitor your child's school work and applaud their efforts.	Make sure your child knows basic social behaviors – saying please and thank you, not interrupting, and being helpful.	Whip up a batch of cookies in honor of <b>National Cookie Day!</b>	Host a book swap. Invite your child's friends to bring a favorite book to swap. It's a fun way to get new books to read.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Hanukkah</b> begins at sundown today with the lighting of the first candle of the menorah.	Make it a habit to review and discuss homework every day.	If your child is having difficulties at school, talk to their teachers. They might not be aware of the problem.	<b>NO-EL Night</b> No electronics tonight!	Establish a quiet place and regular schedule for doing homework.	Download the <b>Family Engagement APP</b> to get PCS information at your fingertips!	Encourage a healthy lifestyle. Have nutritious food at home and exercise daily.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>National Cocoa Day</b> Share a cup of cocoa and talk about the events of the week at school.	Make sure your child is in school, on time, every day.	Listen! It's the #1 thing a parent can do to support their child.	Stay informed – visit <a href="http://www.pcsb.org">www.pcsb.org</a> or your child's school website for information.	Have a scavenger hunt. Make it educational by having your child find items that start with certain letters.	<b>Family Movie Night!</b> Pop some corn and watch your family's favorite movie together!	Go for a walk after dinner and look at the holiday decorations in your neighborhood.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Work on a puzzle together. It's a fun way to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.	It's the first Day of <b>winter!</b> Celebrate Florida style!	Cook together tonight. Measuring is a great way to learn math. Reading directions is great for literacy.	Give your child a hug and let them know how much they mean to you.	Many traditions take place in December. Explain how your family's traditions began.	<b>Christmas Day</b> Enjoy the day with family and friends.	<b>Kwanza</b> begins today. No matter your background, help your child learn about other cultures.
27	28	29	30	31		
Watch your child's favorite TV show and discuss the characters, plot, and outcome.	Help your child be better organized for the remainder of the school year.	<b>FAMILY GAME NIGHT!</b> Bring out the cards or games and play your child's favorite.	Look up how to say <i>hello &amp; goodbye</i> in different languages. Adios 2015!	It's <b>New Year's Eve!</b> Ask your child what their resolutions are for the new year.		